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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 through 14 as follows:

3. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 wherein R^3 is selected from ethenyl, ethynyl and optionally substituted phenyl.

4. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 wherein at least one and preferably both of R^3 are aryl.

5. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 wherein R^2 is selected from optionally hydroxy, halo or alkoxy substituted branched and straight chain C_{1-6} alkyl, including methyl, ethyl, i-propyl, i-butyl, t-butyl; and aryl including phenyl and benzyl.

6. (amended) Process as claimed in Claim 1 wherein X is nitrogen wherein n is 1 and R^1 is H, i.e. the compound is a primary amine.

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